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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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SUBJECT: Finished Intelligence Production
Management File

1. Our proposal (TabA) for development of a Finished Intelligence Production Management File met with something less than thunderous applause from the producers. Only the Department of State came out generally favoring our proposal. Perhaps our memorandum was not as clear as it should have been in indicating our interest was primarily non-scheduled production. DIA's answer specifically concerned scheduled production, and State and DDI responses indicated they were thinking partly in terms of scheduled production. Everyone recoiled to some degree at the idea of using the file to determine "the most appropriate" producer.

2. One curious statement appeared in the DDI response: "Most planned intelligence studies are designed and tailored to serve a particular purpose for a specific consumer." On your request, DDI furnished the IC Staff copies of their July - September 1973 production schedule with the caveat that the IC Staff not further disseminate the schedule. A review of the schedule revealed that for the July - September period DDI had initiated and largely completed 104 products, exclusive of NIS material. Of these, 86 were "self initiated". This hardly indicates a very direct relationship between production and consumer requirements.

3. Obviously, the COINS Management File concept isn't going much further without a little better support in the community. Even a manual test file could not be attempted without general concurrence of all concerned. Inasmuch as there was a great deal of misunderstanding

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on the issue of scheduled and non-scheduled production and almost a paranoic fear expressed on the "appropriate agency" issue, recommend that we undertake a series of individual meetings with representatives of DDI, DIA, and INR to insure that our proposal is fully understood. I think we can at least lay the groundwork for approval of the manual file experiment. This done, a memo for USIB can be prepared to get approval for the test project. With your approval, I will arrange to begin discussions with DDI, DIA, and INR.



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Attachments:

- Tab A - IC Memo
- Tab B - State Response
- Tab C - DIA Response
- Tab D - DDI Response

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